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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the PRG Meeting on Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia,  
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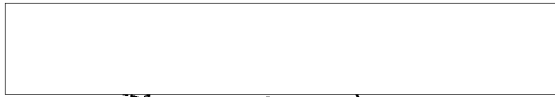
1. Colin Powell chaired the meeting. A/DDI John Helgerson attended for CIA. Others present included Ed Derwinski of State; Rich Armitage of Defense; Jonathan Howe of JCS, and Bob Oakley of the NSC.

2. State briefed on its consultations with key Congressional leaders on the makeup of the arms package that the Administration will be proposing to Congress for action before the end of calendar year 1987. The Secretary of State has been personally involved in a number of these consultations. Overall Congressional reaction so far has been less negative than the Administration had feared.

3. In addition to the variety of less controversial items, tentative planning suggests the package will include Stingers for Bahrain, upgrade of Hawk missiles for the UAE, and Mavericks for Saudi Arabia.

4. Plans at this point are to complete the Congressional consultations by the end of next week. A proposed package would be presented at that time to the President for his approval and formal notification of Congress would occur in early October.

5. There was also some discussion of a possible arms sales package for next year that could include sales to Egypt, Pakistan, Jordan, and Tunisia in addition to the Gulf States. Because the Administration has not yet refined the composition of that package and because of political sensitivities, no further action on 1988 sales will be taken until next year.

  
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